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**Rep. Floren: Hearings On Ethics Reform Legislation Get Underway Tonight in New Britain; Public Hearing In Bridgeport Scheduled for Tuesday, January 25th**



A series of public informational hearings on ethics reform proposals under consideration by the General Assembly's Government Administration and Elections Committee will get underway tonight at 7 p.m. at New Britain City Hall, state Representative Livvy R. Floren, R-149<sup>th</sup> District, the committee's House Ranking Member,

announced today.

Representative Floren, who will be participating in tonight's hearing in New Britain and in another one scheduled for Tuesday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at the North Branch Public Library in Bridgeport, urged citizens to attend and voice their opinions on the proposals.

"The people of Connecticut have endured more than two years of investigations targeting influence peddling and corruption in the award of state contracts followed by convictions of a number of state officials including former Governor Rowland," Representative Floren said. "Now, with Governor Rell, members of the Government Administration and Elections Committee and the General Assembly committed to enacting a tough, comprehensive package of ethics reforms in the months ahead, I believe we are on our way to restoring confidence in state government."

"I hope as many citizens as possible will take the opportunity to attend our hearings and share their thoughts on these proposals with us – as well as any suggestions they may have for legislation to deter any state official from betraying our trust in the future," Representative Floren said.

Some of the bills under consideration include: measures to reorganize the State Ethics Commission; campaign finance reform; penalties for corruption by public officials; proposals to restructure the state contracting system; and ethics training for all state employees.

Additional hearings are scheduled for Wednesday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at Town Hall in Willimantic; Monday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center in Guilford; and on Monday, January 31<sup>st</sup> at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall in Torrington, Representative Floren said.

